

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 00351 211646Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07
NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00
SAJ-01 NSC-05 OMB-01 OIC-02 /068 W
-----220108Z 129710 /73

R 211604Z JAN 77
FM USMISSION NATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1264
SECDEF WASHDC
INFO CINCLANT
USCINCEUR
USLOSACLANT
USNMR SHAPE

S E C R E T USNATO 0351

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, NATO
SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REF: USNATO 0157 (DTG 130844Z JAN 77)

SUMMARY: THE DRC WILL MEET INFORMALLY ON 25 JANUARY TO
DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE DRAFTING OF MINISTERIAL
GUIDANCE 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. US DRC REP (BADER) MET WITH ASYG MUMFORD, AT LATTER'S REQUEST
TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF'S PRELIMINARY THINKING
ON THE PREPARATION OF NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, WHICH WILL BE THE
PRINCIPAL TASK OF THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE IN THE COMING
MONTHS. MUMFORD MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- HE INTENDS TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE DRC ON
25 JANUARY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO DRAFTING
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1975.
THE IS WILL CIRCULATE A PAPER TO
SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 00351 211646Z

SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DRC DISCUSSION AND TO IDENTIFY TWO
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES:
(A) UNDERTAKING A FULL SCALE REVISION OF
MG 75 ON A SECTION-BY-SECTION BASIS; OR
(B) ACCEPTING MG 75 AS ESSENTIALLY VALID AND
ONLY INTRODUCING NEW THEMES TO SUPPLEMENT
THE OLD GUIDANCE.
THE IS FAVORS THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE AND WILL
PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING NEW THEMES FOR CONSIDERATION:
- REVISED WARNING TIME;

GREATER EMPHASIS ON READINESS AND
REINFORCEMENTS;

--RECOGNITION OF THE DISTURBING TRENDS IN
ALLIANCE AND WARSAW PACT DEFENSE SPENDING;
--IMPROVED RESOURCE GUIDANCE, I.E., SOMETHING
BETTER THAN 0-5 PERCENT REAL ANNUAL INCREASE;
--NEED TO IMPROVE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN
COOPERATIVE DEFENSE EFFORTS (CDE) AND
NATO'S DEFENSE PLANNING SYSTEM;
--LONGER TERM CONCEPTUAL PLANNING BY THE NMAS,
I.E., LOOKING OUT OVER THE NEXT 10-15 YEARS
AT GENERALIZED REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE A
DISTANT GOAL FOR COUNTRY PLANNERS;
- THE 25 JANUARY DRC MEETING WILL BE ON AN
UNSTRUCTURED BASIS AT WHICH THE IS WILL ONLY SEEK
PRELIMINARY VIEWS; DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THAT
MEETING, THE IS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE A FIRST DRAFT OF
MG 77 FOR THE BEGINNING OF FORMAL CONSIDERATION ABOUT
MID-FEBRUARY.

- MUMFORD WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMAL,
INITIAL INPUT THE US MIGHT CARE TO OFFER ON CHANGES IN
THE OLD GUIDANCE OR NEW THEMES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED
FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE IS FIRST DRAFT; FORMAL
POSITIONS COULD BE PROVIDED IN THE NORMAL WAY DURING
THE DRC DRAFTING SESSIONS.

SECRET

PAGE 03 NATO 00351 211646Z

2. US REP SAID HIS PERSONAL REACTION TO THE ALTERNATIVES
WAS THAT THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE AN INSTINCTIVE URGE IN
THE DRC FOR THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE, WHEN THE ACTUAL
DISCUSSIONS STARTED AND THE MULTITUDE OF "PET THEMES"
WERE RAISED, THE RESULT WOULD PROBABLY BE A SECTION-BY-
SECTION APPROACH. ADMITTEDLY, MUCH OF MG 75 WAS STILL
VALID, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT MOST OF IT NEEDED REFINEMENT
AND UPDATING AND CONSEQUENTLY SAW MERIT IN THE FIRST
ALTERNATIVE. ALSO, IF ALTERNATIVE TWO WERE FOLLOWED TO
ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, THE ALLIANCE MIGHT END UP WITH
TWO SOURCE DOCUMENTS, I.E., MG 75 AND THE 77 SUPPLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL PROVIDE BY SEPTTEL OUR PRELIMINARY
COMMENT AND SPECIFIC SUGGESTED DRAFTING CHANGES TO THE
1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE THAT WASHINGTON MAY FIND
USEFUL IN FORMULATING POSITIONS WHEN FORMAL DRAFTING
SESSIONS BEGIN. SINCE, HOWEVER, THE 25 JANUARY DRC
MEETING WILL BE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, WE DO NOT NEED
ANY GUIDANCE AT THIS TIME, BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY
WASHINGTON VIEWS. END COMMENT.
STRAUSZ-HUPE

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 30-Aug-1999 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO00351
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770191/baaabbit.tel
Line Count: 109
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 199384de-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: USNATO 0157 (DTG 130844Z JAN 77)
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3680580
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE
TAGS: MPOL, NATO
To: STATE SECDEF MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/199384de-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009